

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
TAX POLICY**

**Wednesday, February 20, 2008**

**10:30 A.M.**

**Room 519 House Office Building**

**Chairman Bieda** called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Reps. Bieda, Condino, Farrah, Robert Jones, Mayes, Meisner, Melton, Sheltrown, Warren, Young, Meltzer, Sheen, Steil, Palmer, Calley. (15/17)

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Reps. Pastor, Wenke. (2/17)

**Representative Calley** moved to adopt the minutes from the February 13, 2008 meeting. There being no objection, the minutes were approved.

**Representative Meltzer** moved to excuse absent members. There being no objection, absent members were excused.

**Chairman Bieda** laid **4363** before the committee.

HB 4363   Shaffer	Property tax; principal residence exemption; exemption eligibility to include absence from home for prolonged health care; provide for.
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**Representative Rick Shaffer**, sponsor of the legislation, testified before the committee.

**Larry Steckelberg**, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, testified before the committee on **HB 4363**.

**Mickey Knight**, representing the Michigan Assessors Association, turned in a testimony card in support of **HB 4363** but did not wish to speak.

**Chairman Bieda** laid **HB 4247** before the committee.

HB 4247   Meadows	Property tax; personal property; wind energy systems; include foundation, easement, and right of way in definition of personal property.
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**Representative Mark Meadows**, sponsor of the legislation, testified before the committee.

**Andy Such**, representing the Michigan Sustainable Energy Coalition, testified before the committee in support of **HB 4247**.

**Scott Schrager**, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, testified before the committee in support of **HB 4247**.

**Representative Condino** moved to report **HB 4247** with recommendation.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Bieda, Condino, Farrah, Robert Jones, Mayes, Meisner, Melton, Sheltroun, Warren, Young, Meltzer, Sheen, Steil, Palmer, Calley. (15/17)

**NAYS:** None. (0/17)

**PASS:** None. (0/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

**Chairman Bieda** laid **HB 5734**, **HB 5735** and **HB 5736** before the committee.

HB 5734	Warren	Business tax; other; definition of commercial domicile; exclude Puerto Rico.
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HB 5735	Wenke	Business tax; other; definition of foreign operating entity; exclude Puerto Rico.
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HB 5736	Mayes	Business tax; other; definition of state; exclude Puerto Rico.
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**Scott Schrager**, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, testified before the committee in support of **HB 5734**, **HB 5735** and **HB 5736**.

**Representative Condino** moved to report **HB 5734** with recommendation.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Bieda, Condino, Farrah, Robert Jones, Mayes, Meisner, Melton, Sheltroun, Warren, Young, Meltzer, Sheen, Steil, Palmer, Calley. (15/17)

**NAYS:** None. (0/17)

**PASS:** None. (0/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

**Representative Sheen** moved to report **HB 5735** with recommendation.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Bieda, Condino, Farrah, Robert Jones, Mayes, Meisner, Melton, Sheltroun, Warren, Young, Meltzer, Sheen, Steil, Palmer, Calley. (15/17)

**NAYS:** None. (0/17)

**PASS:** None. (0/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

**Representative Farrah** moved to report **HB 5736** with recommendation.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Bieda, Condino, Farrah, Robert Jones, Mayes, Meisner, Melton, Sheltrown, Warren, Young, Meltzer, Sheen, Steil, Palmer, Calley. (15/17)

**NAYS:** None. (0/17)

**PASS:** None. (0/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

There being no further business before the committee, **Chairman Bieda** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **11:18 a.m.**

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Representative Steven Bieda, Chair

Eric Esch, Committee Clerk (517) 373-0070